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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999-2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2884

Introduced by Assembly Member Kuehl

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Alquist, Aroner, Battin, Briggs, Calderon, Campbell, Cedillo, Corbett, Cox, Davis, Dickerson, Dutra, Gallegos, Granlund, Hertzberg, Honda, Jackson, Longville, Robert Pacheco, Romero, Scott, Steinberg, Strom-Martin, Thomson, Villaraigosa, Vincent, Washington, Wiggins, and Zettel)

(Coauthors: Senators Figueroa, Hughes, Murray, Perata, *Schiff*, Soto, and Vasconcellos)

March 6, 2000

An act to amend Sections 68200, 68201, and 68202 of the Government Code, relating to An act to amend Section 68203 of the Government Code, relating to judges' salaries, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2884, as amended, Kuehl. Judges' salaries.

Existing law provides for an annual increase in judges' salaries based on salary increases for state employees as reported by the California Office of Employment Relations, as specified.

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This bill would refer to state employee increases as reported by the Department of Personnel Administration. The bill would also provide that on January 1, 2001, all judges' salaries shall be increased by that amount which is produced by multiplying the salary of each as of December 31, 2000, by $8^{1}/_{2}\%$.

Under the California Constitution, laws that set the salaries of elected state officers constitute appropriations.

This bill would constitute an appropriation by increasing judges' salaries.

Existing law sets forth the salaries of justices of The California Supreme Court and courts of appeal, and judges of the superior and municipal courts. Under the California Constitution, laws setting these salaries are appropriations.

This bill would increase the salaries of justices of The California Supreme Court and courts of appeal, and judges of the superior and municipal courts.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 68200 of the Government Code
- 2 SECTION 1. Section 68203 of the Government Code 3 is amended to read:
- 4 68203. (a) On July 1, 1980, and on July 1 of each year
- 5 thereafter the salary of each justice and judge named in
- 6 Sections 68200 to 68202, inclusive, shall be increased by
- 7 that amount which is produced by multiplying the then
- 8 current salary of each justice or judge by the average
- 9 percentage salary increase for the current fiscal year for
- 10 California State employees; provided, that in any fiscal
- 1 year in which the Legislature places a dollar limitation on
- 12 salary increases for state employees the same limitation
- 13 shall apply to judges in the same manner applicable to
- 13 shan apply to judges in the same manner applicable to
- 14 state employees in comparable wage categories.
- 15 (b) For the purposes of this section, salary increases for
- 16 state employees shall be such increases as reported by the
- 17 California Office of Employee Relations Department of
- 18 Personnel Administration.

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- (c) The salary increase for judges and justices made on July 1, 1980, for the 1980-81 fiscal year, shall in no case exceed five percent.
- (d) On January 1, 2001, the salary of the justices and judges named in Sections 68200 to 68202, inclusive, shall be increased by that amount which is produced by multiplying the salary of each justice and judge as of December 31, 2000, by $8^{1/2}$ percent.
- 9 is amended to read:

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- 68200. Effective January 1, 2001, the annual salary of the Chief Justice of California is one hundred sixty-three thousand seven hundred sixty-one dollars (\$163,761).
- SEC. 2. Section 68201 of the Government Code is 14 amended to read:
 - 68201. Effective January 1, 2001, the annual salary of each of the following judges is the amount indicated opposite the name of the office:
 - (a) Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, one hundred fifty-six thousand one hundred sixty-three dollars (\$156,163).
 - (b) Presiding justice or associate justice of a court of appeal division, one hundred forty-six thousand four hundred four dollars (\$146,404).
- SEC. 3. Section 68202 of the Government Code is 25 amended to read:
 - 68202. Effective January 1, 2001, the annual salary of each of the following judges is the amount indicated opposite the name of the office:
- 29 (a) Judge of the superior court, one hundred twenty-seven thousand nine hundred thirty-five dollars 30 31 (\$127,935).
- 32 (b) Judge of a municipal court, one hundred sixteen thousand eight hundred thirty-one dollars (\$116,831).